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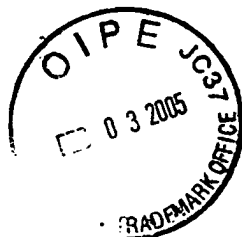
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In Re Patent Application of:
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Title: METHOD OF DERIVING SPECTRAL SENSITIVITY CHARACTERISTICS
FOR COLOR IMAGE INPUTTING DEVICE AND APPARATUS FOR SAME

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2004 (Paper No. 3) and is being filed within the second month of extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). A Petition for Extension of Time to and including January 27, 2005 is being filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listings of the claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.